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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

At Page 1 of the specification, the Applicant has updated the paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Co-Pending Applications" by replacing US application numbers with their corresponding US granted patent numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverbrook (US 6,439,908). With respect, the Applicant disagrees. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, the Applicant has proposed amendments to claim 1 which clearly distinguish the claims from the prior art. Specifically, claim 1 describes that the drive electronics are removable from the support structure independently of the printhead modules. The advantages of this system are taught at page 16, lines 15 to 17 of the original disclosure.

The Silverbrook reference clearly shows that if any component is to be considered as removable, it is the entire module 12, which the Examiner has considered to include the drive electronics. That is, under the construction of the Silverbrook reference offered by the Examiner, any drive electronics within the printhead module would not be removable independently of the printhead module. Accordingly, present claim 1 is distinguished from the Silverbrook reference.

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In light of these amendments and the above submissions, the Applicant respectfully contends that the claims are novel and inventive and that the application is in order for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,


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